



The Communicator

“Footprints”

—a pastoral greeting,

Rick Bunch

One of my true joys in life is to walk the beach along the seashore and look back at the footprints I have made in the moist sand. It gives me a sense of where I have been and where I am headed.

A couple of weeks ago the question was asked in the adult church school class, “What is the theme the new pastorate will follow?” It’s a good question but the ones that followed were even better. “Why are we not excited in our church life anymore? Why are we not excited about our worship?”

I fear, in part, it’s largely because we have become a bit apathetic in our approach to church life and our search for meaning in the Holy Spirit. We are victims of a “let someone else (including the Holy Spirit) do it” attitude.

With that said, I believe a major theme and direction for our congregation will be *everyone is involved*. Each person in the congregation needs to sense a feeling of ownership for what happens here. Each person needs to engage in a personal response to God’s presence and what that presence is calling each of us to do. We have chosen to support a pastoral team that will reach out to our people in many

creative and significant ways and share responsibility for ministry. However, effective and responsible ministry goes far beyond what any of us can do individually and as a team. Success in ministry will require that each and every person in the congregation be engaged in the good cause, each contributing his or her giftedness, in response to a Spirit that tempts us to be more than we thought possible, no matter how seemingly insignificant.

In the coming weeks and months we will pursue a mission of discovery. We are asking that *every* person, without exception, look inward and ask themselves, “What is my passion? What is important to me as a member of this congregation?” and “How can I follow that passion in a meaningful way to contribute to the life and ministry of the congregation?” It will be an exciting journey and, hopefully, *YOU* will not only choose to engage in the process of discovery, but will be willing to contribute your gifts of time and energy and ideas to the common good and ministry to all of us. When that is done, we will have become a vibrant and living congregation and a successful venture in response to the Good Spirit, and there will be excitement to observe.

So, finally, in the sands of the seashores of time, what impressions will *YOU* make?

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Please remember these leaders in your prayers as they dedicate themselves to serving our congregation.

“As a prophetic people you are called, under the direction of the spiritual authorities and with the common consent of the people, to discern the divine will for your own time and in the places where you serve. You live in a world with new challenges, and that world will require new forms of ministry. The priesthood must especially respond to that challenge, and the church is admonished to prayerfully consider how calling and giftedness in the Community of Christ can best be expressed in a new time.”

—Doctrine and Covenants 162:2c



Looking for a way to serve? Have a skill in writing you would like to develop? *The Communicator* is looking for someone willing to write an article each month about one of our members/friends. This endeavor would help us to learn more about each other, our past experiences, ways we are serving quietly, interests we have in common, or interests we would like to learn more about.

If you would interested in exploring this opportunity, please contact Rich Kohlman (970) 484-1239 or rkohlman@comcast.net.

Speakers, Keyboard, Greeters, and Nursery



Speakers

- ❖ September 4: Nancy Miller
- ❖ September 11: Shirley Remmenga
- ❖ September 18: Rich Kohlman
- ❖ September 25: Debbie Jones

Keyboard

- ❖ September 4: Kay Bunch
- ❖ September 11: Jean Newman
- ❖ September 18: Tom Beck
- ❖ September 25: Sharon Fulton

Greeters

- ❖ September: Vergean Wood, Dave and Voni Simons

Nursery

- ❖ September 4: Debbie Jones
- ❖ September 11: Bettie Miller
- ❖ September 18: Marta Remmenga
- ❖ September 25: Mary Kohman

September Birthdays



Joy Jones	09/02
Art Dirlam	09/04
Felicia Bridwell-Deshner	09/09
Donna Clark	09/11
Taylor Thomas	09/11
Caren Alton	09/13
Gabriel Pagat	09/15
Shawnea Pagat	09/15
Mike Davis	09/21
Kathy Graybill	09/22
Tom Beck	09/23
Jan Newman	09/25
Ets Cunningham	09/30

Financial Report



July Income

World Church

World Ministries	\$1,500.00
Oblation	200.00
World Hunger	125.00
Total	\$1,825.00

Local

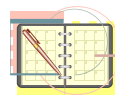
Local Offering	\$2,717.50
Building Fund	40.00
2 Cents a Meal	65.00
Family Assistance	55.00
Camp Paradise	10.00
RMMC November Conference	15.00
RMMC August Reunion	15.00
Pancake Breakfast	32.00
Total	\$ 2,949.50

The World Church mailed a "Contributor Guide" to everyone who donated

to the church in the last three years. Our new envelope procedure for the World Church with its new categories is explained very well in it. Please let me know if you didn't receive one or have any questions. Thanks,

—Betty Jones, CFO

September Calendar



Check the website

<http://cofchstrm.org/FortCollins>

- Sept. 4: Communion
First-Sunday Giving
- Sept. 7: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 8: Afternoon Women's Group
- Sept. 11: First day of children's Sunday school classes
- Sept. 14: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Coordinators, 10:45 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 15: Interfaith Program on Human Trafficking
Leadership Council, 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 17: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 18: Second-Sunday on third Sunday, volleyball, 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 18: *Communicator* items due
- Sept. 21: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 28: *Upper Room*, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Meal Site, 11:45 a.m.
- Sept. 29: Interfaith program on Human Trafficking



Children's Sunday school classes begin on September 11 at 9:45 p.m.



To Rose Julch, Shirley Remmenga, Tom Beck, Pat Miner, Donna Clark, Nancy Simon, Nancy Miller, Dick Foster, and Gil Pagat for your working at **NewWestFest**. Thanks so much for volunteering.

—Kay Bunch



Names in the News

Coloradoan—Voni Simons interviewed for an article about victim advocates.

Dick Foster and Sharon Troyer participated in the Larimer County Parade representing the church with PFLAG.

Outreach International Newsletter—Several in our congregation were recognized for their support.



Our Champions!

Shawnea Pagat (age 12) won the Fort Collins Country Club 2011 Junior Satellite Tournament Girl's 12 Singles champion. She also won Lewis Tennis School Spectacular Satellite 2011 Girls 14 Singles champion.

Gabriel Pagat (age 12) finished runner-up in the Boys 12 Singles in the Lewis Tennis Spring Fling 2011. He also won Lewis Tennis School Spectacular Satellite 2011 Boys 14 Singles champion.

They both participated in the USTA Jr. Team Tennis Program representing Northern Colorado. The team consisted of three boys and three girls. They played in the 14 Intermediate Division. The team won both the District Championships for Colorado in Denver and the Intermountain Sectionals in Colorado Springs, representing six States, qualifying for the Nationals to be played in Surprise, Arizona, on October 20-23, 2011. The team swept all of their matches. At the Sectionals the team was short one player, so that meant defaulting one match out of five, but they still won all of the other matches. And they had to do it twice.

Shawnea and Gabriel will be participating again on the tennis team for Preston Middle School.



More Youth Highlights of Summer

Jay Ytell: Going to Spectacular and getting a job at the Leadership Adventure Camp in Redfeather.

Bianca Clark: My job as a puppy-sitter and going to visit Aunt Carol. We got to go to New York City and saw lots of things including the Statue of Liberty.

Awtumn Alcoser: Swimming at the Mulberry Pool and also at Glenwood.

Keenan Fronapfel: The 3 v. 3 soccer tournament in Vail and our trip to Colorado Springs.

Shawnea Pagat: We had a wonderful trip to California including a day at Sea World, and I played a lot of tennis.

Taylor and Brett Bridwell: Swimming all summer and a trip to Kansas for a family reunion.

Marie Ytell: Swimming and riding my horse.

Zach Fronapfel: Jumping off a bridge into the river in Boise, Idaho, and going to Water World.

Kate Ytell: Going to Spectacular and getting to spend time with my family, which doesn't happen a lot when school starts.

Oci Alcoser: In August we went to Poppy's in Glenwood and lots of swimming.

Shelton and Cash Thomas: Swimming and mutton bustin'.

Ben Miller: Going to Spectacular. I look forward to going next year.

Alec Fronapfel: The 3 v. 3 soccer tournament in Vail and the soccer camp in June.

Gabe Pagat: Tennis sectionals in Colorado Springs and getting to see the Air Force Academy.

Aidan and Avery Dicke: We liked camping and climbing rocks at Vedauwoo (WYO) and spending two weeks at the cabin when Uncle Rusty was here. Our job was to entertain the little kids and keep them from falling into the river.



Fantastic Opportunity

Alec Fronapfel has been selected by the AC Milan soccer club in Milan, Italy, to attend a 5-day camp, training, and tournament program. The camp runs from November 3 to the 7th. He was selected to represent the USA from a camp he attended in June. It is a great honor and an incredible opportunity. He will play with other campers from the USA against players from across the world. He gets to attend a game between AC Milan and Catania, tour the facilities, meet players, and work with their coaches. We are currently working to help raise funds for him and Eric to attend, to go along with the scholarship amount given to

him by the Fort Collins Soccer Club. GO ALEC!



“Peace is not a matter of prizes or trophies. It is not the product of a victory or command. It has no finishing line, no final deadline, no fixed definition of achievement.

Peace is a never-ending process, the work of many decisions by many people in many countries. It is an attitude, a way of life, a way of solving problems and resolving conflicts. It cannot be forced on the smallest nation or enforced by the largest. It cannot ignore our differences or overlook our common interests. It requires us to work and live together.”

—Oscar Arias Sánchez, from his Nobel Lecture

Fort Collins Congregation

2011-2012

Adult Education Overview

Let's Learn Together.

1. Community of Christ curriculum, ***Sharing in Community of Christ: Exploring Identity, Mission, Message and Beliefs***. This foundational resource contains Community of Christ identity statements, enduring principles, basic beliefs, and many other insights on subjects the church and disciples share together and with the world. *Sharing in Community of Christ 2nd edition* is the recommended adult text for 2011 reunions.

Study Length: 7 weeks. Cost:

2. Community of Christ curriculum on discernment. Suggested reading
 - ***Yearning for God: Discernment and Discipleship***. Discernment is about discovering God's yearning for us and our yearning for God.
 - ***Learning to Recognize God*** offers four weeks' worth of brief video meditations with an accompanying downloadable journal. Each day features a different spiritual practice exercise based on those found in the spiritual formation resource *Yearning for God*.
 - Other resources including "Ways of Discovering God's Will" -Stephen M. Veazey (36:24). Video Study: 20 weeks (estimated). Cost: \$20, facilitator's guide.
3. ***A Praying Congregation*** by Jane E. Vennard is a book recommended by Sharon Troyer with the focus to find a way to help adults prepare their hearts to receive new information about prayer and then to integrate the practices in their daily lives. Many people are not able to truly discern what method of prayer is appropriate for them because they hold tightly to some preconceived ideas about prayer, often left over from early teachings in childhood.
Study: 20 weeks. Cost: \$17/book
4. ***Living the Question*** is a popular video and Internet-based small group exploration of progressive Christianity featuring premier religion voices of our day. This education series comes from the same organization as the popular study ***Saving Jesus***.

"LtQ2 is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Featuring thirty acclaimed scholars, theologians, and other experts, LtQ2 consists of 21 sessions which may be offered in sequence or as three independent flights of seven units each: "Invitation to Journey," "Reclaiming the World" and "Call to Covenant." LtQ2 includes downloadable and printable leader and participant guides with weekly readings and discussion questions. Each session may be conducted in one hour or expanded to include a meal and

personal sharing. The 20-minute video segments include conversations with leading voices of faith, digital stories illustrating aspects of an evolving faith, and concrete spiritual practices and disciplines. The flexible DVD and resource materials can be used in variety of class, retreat, and other formats.”
Study length: 21-week DVD and we-based small group study. Cost \$295

5. ***First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom.*** Featuring John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. DVD and web-based study of the historical Jesus and the kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout the Galilee and Jerusalem. Why did Jesus happen when he happened? Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus? Why the tiny villages around the lake? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there? Why were the titles of Caesar Augustus—Divine, Son of God, God from God, Lord, Redeemer, Liberator, and Savior of the World—taken from a Roman emperor on the Palatine hill and given to a Jewish peasant on the Palestine plain? Was it low lampoon or high treason? Either way, the Romans were not laughing. What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to indict empire today?
Study Length: 12-session. Cost: \$295
 6. ***Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace?*** This DVD-based study featuring John Dominic Crossan explores the juxtaposition of Roman Imperial Theology and the Kingdom of God. Ideal for Advent and Lent. Flexible in format, "Victory and Justice or Justice and Peace?" can be conducted over 4, 6, 8 or 12 weeks. Contents include: Justice & the World: What is the Character of Your God? History & Jesus: What is the Content of Your Faith? Worship & Violence: What is the Purpose of Your Prayer? Resurrection & Community: What is the Function of Your Church?
Study Length: 4, 6, 8 or 12 weeks. Cost: \$100
 7. ***Appreciative Inquiry:*** A Practical approach to positive personal, family, and organization change based on strengths rather than weaknesses, on a vision of what is possible rather than an analysis of what is not. The model is based on the assumption that the questions we ask will tend to focus our attention in a particular direction. Instead of asking, “What’s the problem?” the question is “What’s working?” The basic idea is to build relationships around what works, rather than trying to fix what doesn't. It intends to be thought of as the opposite of problem solving. This is because appreciative inquiry intends to focus on how to increase exceptional relationships and behaviors instead of focusing on remediation.
Study length: 6 weeks. Cost: \$10 per study book (not required by all)
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**Fort Collins Congregation
2011-2012
Adult Education Survey**

1. Do you plan to attend a Sunday adult class this year beginning in September 2011— May 2012?

Yes _____ No _____

2. Is it dependent on the curriculum? Yes _____ No _____

3. Please rank the following curriculum ideas in order that appeals to you.

Sharing in Community of Christ (7 weeks) _____

Community of Christ curriculum on Discernment (up to 20 weeks) _____

A Praying Congregation: the Art of Teaching Spiritual Practice (20 weeks) _____

Living the Question: DVD study (21 weeks) _____

First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom: DVD study (12 weeks) _____

Victory and Peace or Justice and Peace? DVD study (4-12 weeks) _____

Appreciative Inquiry (6 weeks) _____

Other _____

4. Would you like to assist in facilitating a class? Yes _____ No _____

If so, which class? _____

5. What else would you like to share?

6. Name (optional): _____

Please return survey to Carrie Newman or drop off at church office by September 4, 2011



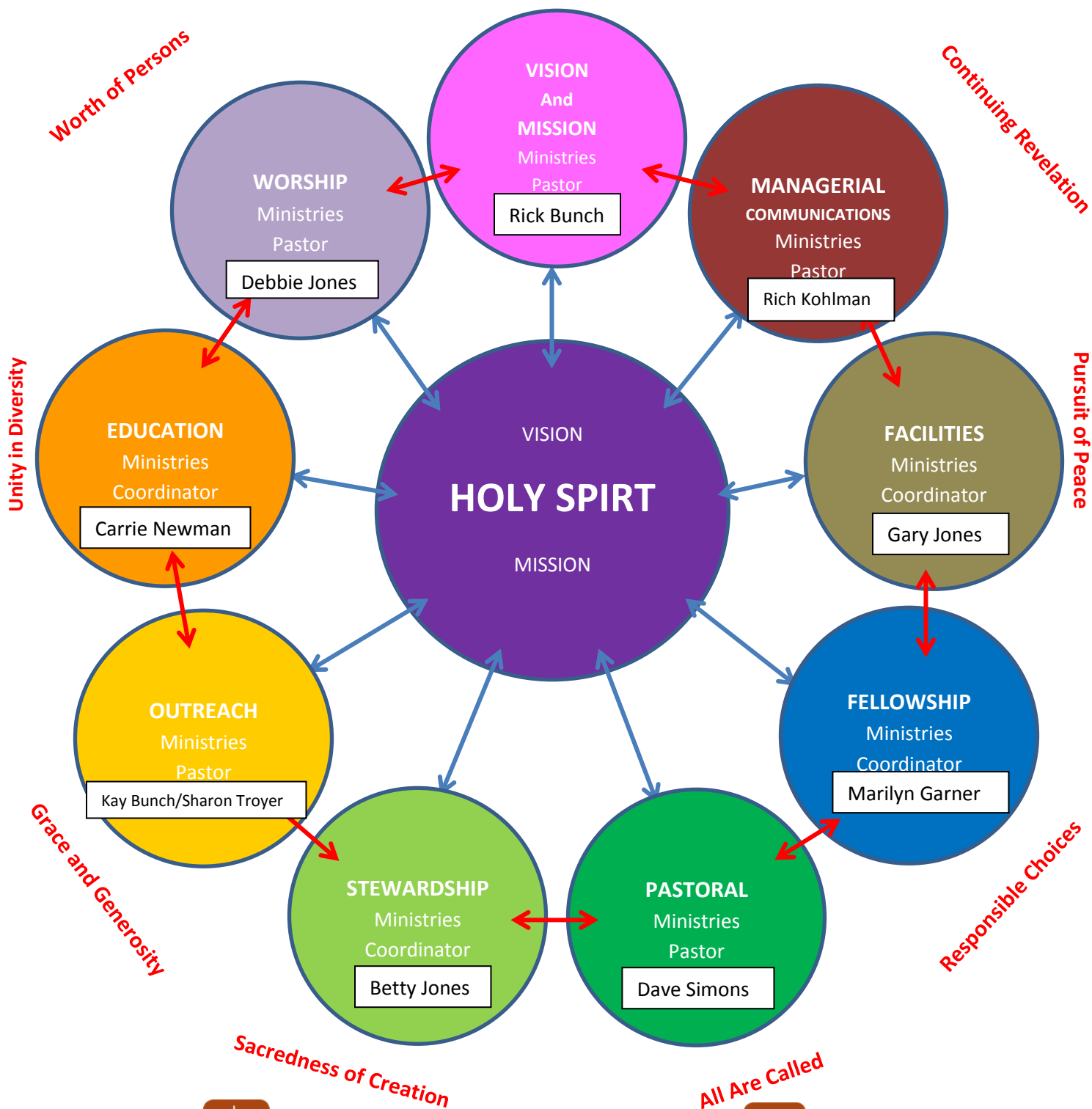
Invite People to Christ



Pursue Peace on Earth Experience Congregations in Mission



Blessings of Community



Develop Disciples to Serve



Abolish Poverty, End Suffering